

# THE HISTORY NEWS

## Wedding of Archduke Albert and Isabel Clara Eugenia

**F**inally, today is celebrated the wedding that all the Protestants of the Spanish Low Countries were waiting for.

After several years of war, Philip II of Spain and the Protestants agreed that the couple, Isabel Clara Eugenia, his daughter and Archduke Albert of Austria, her cousin, will rule over the Netherlands but with one condition: if they had an heir, they would be independent with that heir as governor but if

### Interview to Isabel Clara Eugenia the day of her wedding

*Good morning, Miss Isabella. How do you feel the day of your wedding?*

Good morning. Well, in some way, I'm a little bit nervous. It's a big responsibility being a sovereign. Years ago I had to marry Albert's elder brother, Rudolf II. But as he refused, my father ceded me these territories if I would marry Albert. So I accepted. As you know, the marriages are not in relation with love, it's just political reason.

*Yes, we know. Do you think you will be a good sovereign with your future husband in the Netherlands?*

Of course we will. At first we will try to bring peace and an economic stability. Then we're going to improve other points. We'll do our best.

*We had understood that you were the favorite daughter of Philip II, why it's like that?*

Miss Isabel Clara Eugenia excused herself and told us politely that she had to prepare for the wedding so we leaved.

they wouldn't have children, they will be again subjects of the Hispanic Monarchy.

The Protestants, when they saw their future governors, were convinced that they will have an heir and for sure they will be an independent country



I always trusted my father, and he always trusted me. I usually helped him with politic stuff, translating and checking documents, etc.

I was very sad when he died the last year. He was an excellent governor until his last moment. The poor suffered a lot of illnesses.

*What do you think about the agreement that your father, Philip and the Protestants reached?*

Emmm... Yes... I totally agree... I think that we will have children, we still are going to live a lot, I hope, emm... and I suppose that we could give an heir to the Netherlands.



